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**Bears Ears National Monument Resource Management Plan  
Indian Creek and Shash Jaa Units  
DRAFT Schedule**

Estimated Dates	Task	Notes/Assumptions
(b)(5) DPP	President signs Proclamation	
	Proclamation FRN posts	
	Prepare NOI FRN	(b)(5) DPP
	<b>Publish NOI FRN for one combined EIS and 2 RMPs</b>	
	Invite cooperating agencies	(b)(5) DPP
	Initiate Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation	
	Kick-off meeting with USFS <sup>1</sup>	
	Prepare MAC FRN package	
	Prepare MAC Charter	
	Kick-off with the Shash Jaa Commission, initiate preparation of an MOU	
	Contract for public scoping	
	Publish call FRN establishing the BENM MAC and calling for nominations	
	Nomination period	

<sup>1</sup> This schedule is consistent with BLM planning regulations. (b)(5) DPP

(b)(5) DPP	Nomination review and appointment	(b)(5) DPP
	Prepare cooperating agency MOUs	
	Hold tribal listening sessions	
	Hold public scoping meetings	
	End of public scoping period	
	Synthesize scoping comments and generate publicly available scoping report	
	Contract for NEPA and Planning –	
	BLM Analysis of the Management Situation/USFS planning assessment	
	Agency/CA review of AMS	
	Prepare camera ready AMS	
	<b>Make AMS Available through e-planning</b>	
	Alternatives Development	
	Preparation of DEIS/DRMPs	
	Initiate USFWS Consultation	
	Initiate SPHO Consultation	
	BLM UTSO/WO/SOL review USFS RO/WO/OGC review CA review	

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Camera ready DEIS/DRMP
Draft NOA FRN package
<b>Draft EIS/DRMPs</b>
Public review of DEIS/DRMP
Comment analysis
Preparation of proposed RMP/EIS
Preparation of Biological Assessment
BLM UTSO/WO/SOL review USFS RO/WO/OGC review CA review
Camera ready proposed RMP/EIS
Final EIS/proposed RMP NOA FRN package
<b>Final EIS/Proposed RMPs</b>
BLM 30 day protest period
BLM 60 day Governor's Consistency Review
USFWS prepares BO
Concurrence letters from SHPO
BLM ROD NOA package to WO
WO resolves Protests
Prepare BLM and USFS ARMP/RODs
ARMP/RODs review BLM UTSO/WO/SOL review USFS RO/WO/OGC review
Camera Ready ARMP/RODs
<b>Sign RODs/Approved RMPs</b>

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Timeframes to Milestones

- (b)(5) to completion of AMS
- (b)(5) to DEIS publication
- (b)(5) to end of public comment period
- (b)(5) to publication FEIS
- (b)(5) to publication of RODs

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**Notice of Intent to Prepare Resource Management Plans for the Bears Ears  
National Monument Indian Creek Unit, Shash Jaa Unit and Associated  
Environmental Impact Statements**

**Communication Plan**

**December 2017**

**INTRODUCTION**

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**BACKGROUND**

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## KEY MESSAGES

1. The BLM's multiple use and sustained yield mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. We accomplish this by managing public lands for uses as diverse as the lands themselves.
2. The mission of the USFS is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.
3. Public input is key to sound decision making. Public involvement will be welcomed in future land use planning and NEPA analyses as the agencies implement the modified proclamation. BLM appreciates the time and effort people take in providing comments, as inclusion is vital to managing sustainable, working public lands.
4. Existing management plans remain in effect until new plans are developed. The new land use plans will provide clarity for the public and permittees on how they can enjoy and use public lands within the monument.
5. Any public lands outside of the revised monument boundaries will remain in the stewardship of BLM and USFS. BLM and USFS lands and will be managed according to all relevant laws including the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act, National Forest Management Act, Wilderness Act, Paleontological Resources Preservation Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

## TALKING POINTS

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- We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

## COMMUNICATION GOALS

- Ensure the public is notified of the intent to develop a new land use plan and associated EIS;
- Encourage public participation in the land use planning process;
- Educate external stakeholders and media representatives about land use plan goals and processes;
- Ensure the public is aware of how they can participate in the process and submit comments regarding the land use plan;
- Ensure BLM Utah and USFS Region 4 are prepared to respond to media inquiries with one voice and a consistent message.

## COMMUNICATION TACTICS

- Publish NOI in *Federal Register*.
- Post any relevant documents on BLM's NEPA Register (ePlanning) with instructions on how to provide comments.



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- Promote information about the scoping period using various methods, such as: news releases, website postings, and public mailings.
- Contact, meet and/or conference with target audiences identified during the plan amendment process. See “Target Audiences” section.
- Share messages on social media.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The goal for social media will be to make people aware of opportunities to provide comments and attend scoping meetings. The social media manager will develop a series of tweets to highlight upcoming milestones in the planning process.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Why is the BLM conducting land use planning?

The presidential proclamations establishing Bears Ears National Monument requires BLM to prepare a management plan.

### How will the BLM and USFS complete the planning process for the Indian Creek and Shash Jaa units of Bears Ears National Monument?

The BLM and USFS will prepare three RMPs for the BENM. One EIS will be prepared in association with this planning process.

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### How do I provide scoping comments?

The BLM will schedule multiple public scoping meetings. Written comments will be accepted at all public scoping meetings and until 15 days after the last scheduled meeting. Individuals are encouraged to submit comments electronically through the BLM’s e planning page. (b)(5) DPP

What are the major differences between the previous BENM boundary established in 2016 and the revised monument boundary established in 2017?

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## INTERIM MANAGEMENT Q&As

How will BLM manage leasable mineral resources within both the original and modified boundaries of BENM?

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How many oil and gas leases are there within the modified Bears Ears monument boundaries? What steps need to occur before drilling could occur in the area?

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How will BLM manage locatable mineral resources within both the original and modified boundaries of BENM?

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When will energy companies be able to nominate parcels that had been within monument boundaries and now are not for inclusion in lease sales?

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How do changes in the BENM boundary affect travel management or route designations?

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How do changes in the BENM boundary affect livestock grazing management?

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proclamation. Grazing continues to be authorized with the goal of maintaining healthy land

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Will American Indian tribes have access to the area for ceremonial and other traditional uses?

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How do changes in the BENM boundary affect firewood collection?

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Can I hunt and fish within the national monument?

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Do I need camping permits or climbing permits to access the monument?

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#### ADDRESSES:

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Set public meeting dates, times, locations	UTSO Public Affairs and Canyon Country District
Confirm inbox ready to receive comments	UTSO planning
Finalize news release and coordinate with all appropriate State/District/Field Office and Washington Office (WO)/National Program Office managers, staff, and specialists	UTSO Public Affairs
Call or email Governor's office/PLPCO	UTSO state director
Call Congressional district and Senate staff	WO Kim Finch (DC) Canyon Country District Manager
Call or email San Juan County representatives	Canyon Country District Manager
Post news release to BLM Utah website	Webmaster/social media manager
Email news release to media, adjacent landowners, and stakeholders	UTSO and Canyon Country District PAO
Share on Facebook and Twitter	Webmaster/social media manager

**TARGET AUDIENCES:**

Outreach will continue with the following stakeholders. Primary contacts include:

- Congressional officials
- State Agencies: Governor, Public Land Policy Coordination Office
- Local government agencies: San Juan County

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- Other federal agencies: National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, etc.
- Tribes: Hopi, Pueblo of Zuni, Navajo, Ute Mountain Utah, and Ute, and other affected tribes
- Local communities (Monticello, Blanding, Bluff, Montezuma Creek)
- Recreationists (backpacking, hiking, climbing, mountain biking, rock art/archaeology/paleontology groups, OHV users)
- Special interest groups/Nonprofit organizations: Friends of Cedar Mesa, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, The Grand Canyon Trust, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, etc.
- Industry (energy, grazing, mining)
- Local law enforcement agencies
- Cultural resources preservation organizations
- Private landowners adjacent to or near planning area boundaries
- General media for Salt Lake City and Monticello area
- General public (via project mailing list)

**Congressional**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Contact phone/email</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
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**Media**

Group	Contact	Contact phone/email	Responsible Party
Statewide media list (Utah)	Various	Various	(b)(5) DPP
Canyon Country regional media list (Western Colorado and tribal newspapers)	Various	Various	
State of Utah Governor's Office External Affairs	Anna Lehnardt	(801) 538 1509 alehnardt@utah.gov	
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**Utah State Government**

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City of Monticello	Mayor Tim Young	(435) 587 2271 tim@monticelloutah.org	
City of Blanding	Mayor Calvin Balch	(435) 678 2791 mayormail@blanding ut.gov	

**Other Federal Agencies**

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## Interested Stakeholders: Environmental/Conservation/Industry

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Friends of Indian Creek	Lisa Hathaway, President	info@friendsofindiancreek.org	
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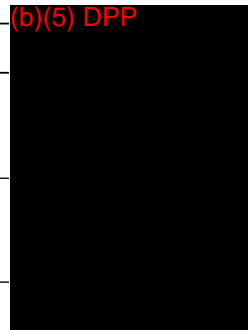
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**Environmental Impact Statement**

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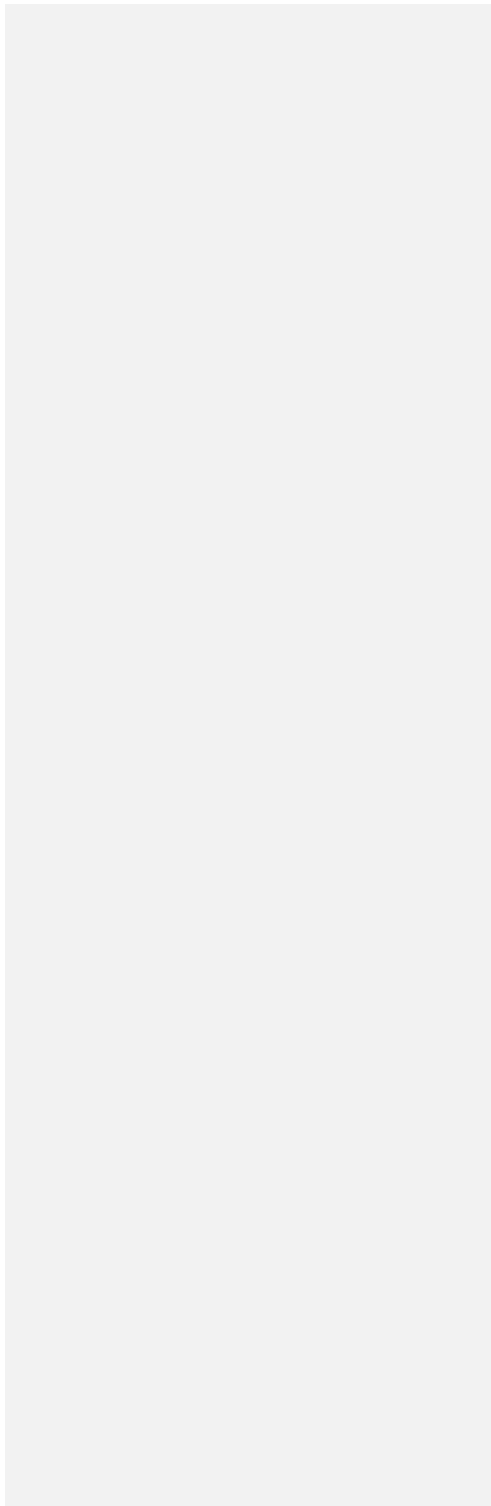




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